

Subject: failed bank coinage

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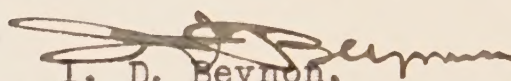
Gentlemen:

At the suggestion of Mr. Geo. Turner, assistant secretary of the Supreme Court, I am writing to you relative to a large collection of coins which we have in our department and which has been taken from various failed banks.

I notice one large thick copper coin with the words "Britannia", dated 1727. I notice another coin which is labelled "oldest U. S. coin", dated 1804, with the words "liberty". There is also a five cent silver nickel and many other coins which look to be very old and unusual.

How can you suggest that we ascertain the probably value of these coins? Would be pleased to hear from you in regard to same.

Yours very truly,


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Mr. I. D. Beynon
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Dear Sir:

It is impossible to tell you much about your coins without seeing them. The Britannia piece of 1727 is so common that it is virtually worthless, and 1804 is not the earliest United States coin. The best thing I can suggest is that you have someone with a knowledge of coins examine them. There is a collector in your town who I think could competently advise you -- Mr. James L. Way, 443 South 26th Street Lincoln.

Very truly yours,

Curator.